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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination.
2. Claims 19-21 are withdrawn from consideration based on response to election restriction filed on 7/7/2005.

Paper Submitted

3. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed of record in the file:
 - a. **Information Disclosure Statements** as received on 5/3/04, 4/21/03, 3/24/03, 2/03/03, 10/03/02, 11/26/01, 9/17/01 are considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramasubramani et al., hereinafter Ramasubramani.
6. Referring to claim 1, Ramasubramani teaches a method for authorizing access by a user to a resource (see title and figure 2) over a wireless local area network (Col 4 lines 52-64), comprising the steps of:

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- a. setting access privileges to the resource (setting a user account corresponds to setting access privilege to resource) for a cluster of users (subscribers are a cluster of users) of the wireless local area network (Col 8 lines 29-33, setting subscriber account is inherent since user accounts are required to access information);
 - b. receiving a request from a device controlled by the user to access the resource over the wireless local area network (Col 9 lines 8-14), the user having a membership in the cluster (subscriber), and the request including a user identifier for the user (item 318 in figure 3) and a device identifier for the device (item 316) making the request (Col 9 lines 8-47);
 - c. locating access privileges based on the device identifier (item 316), the user identifier (item 318), and the cluster (subscriber is member of a cluster)(Col 9 lines 10-18); and
 - d. authorizing a current session between the device and the resource based on the located access privileges (Col 9 lines 42-47).
7. Referring to claims 2 and 3, claims 2 and 3 encompass the same scope of the invention as that of the claim 1. Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are rejected for the same reason as the claim 1.
8. Referring to claim 4, Ramasubramani teaches a method for managing context information for a wireless local area network, comprising the steps of:
 - a. receiving a request to access the resource over the wireless local area network, the request including a device identifier for a device making the request (Col 9 lines 8-47);

- b. locating context information (certificate) associated with the device identifier, the context information associated with a previous session between the device and the resource (Col 4 lines 29-36); and
 - c. providing the context information for use in a current session between the device and the resource (figure 4B; (Col 4 lines 29-36).
- 9. Referring to claim 5, Ramasubramani teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the wireless local area network is based on a radio frequency suitable for use in local wireless communications (Col 4 lines 59-64).
- 10. Referring to claim 6, Ramasubramani teaches the method of claim 4, wherein communications over the wireless local area network are based on a spread-spectrum technique based on a carrier frequency greater than about 2,000 megahertz (Col 4 lines 59-64).
- 11. Referring to claim 7, Ramasubramani teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the device identifier is a unique identification number (Col 6 line 67- Col 7 line1).
- 12. Referring to claim 8, Ramasubramani teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the context information includes an internet protocol address (see item 368 in figure 4B) assigned to the device in the previous secure session (Col 4 lines 29-36);.
- 13. Referring to claim 9, Ramasubramani teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the context information includes cluster information associated with a user of the device for the current session, the user having a membership in the cluster, and the cluster information providing access privileges associated with a member of the cluster who set the access privileges for the cluster in a previous request to access the resource (see figure 4B).

14. Referring to claim 10, Ramasubramani teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the device is a voice-enabled communications device (item 106, figure 2), and the gateway server (item 114) is adapted for voice-enabled network communications (Col 4 line 66- Col 5 line 3).
15. Referring to claims 11-18 claims 11-18 encompass the same scope of the invention as that of the claims 4-10. Therefore, claims 11-18 are rejected for the same reason as the claims 4-10.

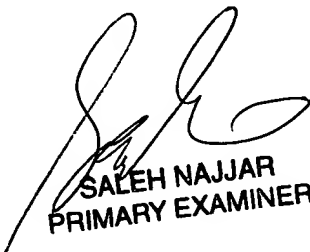
Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is reminded that in amending in response to a rejection of claims, the patentable novelty must be clearly shown in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited and the objection made. Applicant must show how the amendments avoid such references and objections. See 37 CFR 1.111(c).
17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Liang-che Alex Wang whose telephone number is (571)272-3992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.
18. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571)272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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